

Prairieland Talk

# 'Doc' Mathews Made Fortune

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The Frontier is 77 years along the highway of time, the oldest business institution in Holt county. Started in the year 1880, it has not missed an issue in the passing years. There were one or two trading posts in the pioneer town when Mr. Mathews arrived here from Monroe, Wis., with type and an army press and launched a newspaper that still survives and which in early days had much to do in inducing settlers to come to the Elkhorn valley country.

Mathews accumulated a small fortune publishing land notices and "touching" aspiring politicians springing up on the prairie. Pat Hagerty's trading post, located where the Golden hotel is today, was the lone mercantile center in early days. John McCafferty started a hardware store followed soon after by Neil Brennan. J. P. Mann opened a store about the year 1883 and Charles Schram soon after. The First National bank was organized about that time, continuing today as next oldest concern in business continually since it opened for business. Father Smith cared for the spiritual, and at times temporal, interests of the members of St. Patrick's church. Rev. Bartley Blaine organized and served as pastor of the Methodist church. Wherever there was a pioneer settlement there you would find a Methodist preacher.



Romaine Saunders

Schools began on the pioneer basis. A little frame building where the Outlaw food market now is was O'Neill's first temple of learning with Professor O'Sullivan teaching the young pioneers ideas on how to shoot, though the kids might give him pointers on how to knock down a deer, catch a three-foot pickerel or flush a covey of prairie chickens. Business, education and church ministry have come a long way since those early days and The Frontier has enlarged its sphere of usefulness and public service through these 77 years.

A farmer friend located in Nebraska's rich grain belt two hours drive southwest of Lincoln tells me at present it is the opposite extreme from what it was a year ago. So wet by early May not much could be done in the fields but the winter wheat is looking good. Corn planting had not begun at the time of our visit.

One more victim of the strenuous public life as it is at our nation's capital has been taken to the abode of the dead. Senator McCarthy is now but a memory, and that soon forgotten. My boyhood pal at the 10-year period on the high-water of life back there in Green county, Wisconsin, was a McCarthy, but he probably in later life had not become the father of the Wisconsin senator that was a thorn. The least that can be said of him is that he was no mere senator occupying a seat in the chamber that makes national history. His name sounds Irish, it may be Scotch. But he had the Irish genius for public service. May he rest in peace!

Editorial

## Joe McCarthy Dared to Trod

Now that most of the eulogies have been offered in behalf of the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisc.), The Frontier begs to offer its bit. This newspaper was steadfast in backing McCarthy during and after the senate investigation of subversives in government. While some agreed with Joe in principle they undermined his efforts by abhorring his tactics. Others simply hated McCarthy and said he was barking up a tree.

There were several big libel suits slapped against Joe, but none was able to stick. The liberals in government, the do-gooding news writers, television and radio commentators attacked Joe at every turn. They tried to disgrace him on income tax matters, they assassinated his character, some even attacked his war record. The communist organ The Daily Worker coined the word "McCarthyism" and the do-gooders took up theme—precisely to Moscow's liking.

The liberals pounced on Joe with considerably more vindictive than Joe ever attacked anyone else.

Sure, Joe trimmed Major Peress down to size and Senator Joe was never proved wrong about Peress's subversive connections. Yet Peress was promoted and Senator Joe wondered why and by whom.

The decorated General Zwicker (we won't question his war record) certainly is unfit to wear the uniform if he protected higher authorities during a senate investigation. The military must always be accountable fully and completely to the highest civilian authority.

Joe's greatest sin was that he dared to brave the trail in pursuit of the communists and anti-communists.

The liberal publications, columnists and tonsil artists on the air, by their relentless attacks during and after the senate hearings, contributed to Joe's decline in spirit and in health. They rode herd on him to his Appleton, Wis., grave.

The Frontier, however, nominates the late Sen. Joseph McCarthy as one of the brave patriots of all time. As far as America is concerned, he almost single-handedly opened the American front in the cold war against communism. Many important personages wanted to jump into the fight as an ally but few had the courage.

Joe will go down in history as the Twentieth century Paul Revere, for his awakening of the American people to the grip the enemy had on our own who occupied sensitive positions in government. Joe spurred defense thinking, for which, actually, the pentagon should now award him a posthumous medal.

Joe's demise poses new problems. Who is there on the same national scene who will wage in and sacrifice himself on the same altar? Ironically a Nebraska woman, Mrs. Hazel Hempel Abel, was crowned the 1957 American mother in New York while Joe's casket was being lowered into the wooded lawn at Appleton.

At the height of the McCarthy feeling in the land Mrs. Abel was a short-term candidate for the United States senate from Nebraska.

The lilacs are in bloom, adorning in fragrant clusters, bushes that have grown up along the way; tulips in gold and yellow tinted beauty add their charm of color to the season's early floral display. Lawn chairs and porch bench have been brought out again and we sit once more outdoors where sunshine glows in radiant splendor without the vaulted blue above. It is the mild month of May leading on to summer days. And so the seasons come and go, bringing to each life's experiences—a child born, a friend, a dear one laid away in the abode of the dead. The living carry on joyfully these bright May days and as the month draws to a close there comes a day when we stand by a grave in that abode of the dead and place a floral tribute there in memory of the dead. "The dead know not anything," we turn away to go about the affairs of the living and far and wide across prairieland Mother Earth blooms with the fruits that will sustain the living.

He was a well groomed, dark skinned gent from Jamaica, one of the West Indies, where it is summer every day. We had a little visit. He is in Lincoln attending college to prepare for entering upon educational work in his native land. He experienced his first winter conditions as we know them in Nebraska. Our brief visit seemed to be one of the pleasant incidents that bring him pleasure so far away from home. Another young man, a Spanish speaking native of Central America, in Lincoln taking studies at the same college, he too planning to enter educational work, who I contacted today was apparently under a homesick spell but is sticking it out until he finishes and becomes a college graduate up here in North America.

The railroad section worker who earned a dollar and a dime a day at one time saved money and brought him a home. Come, fellows, tell 'em how to do it!

The honorable secretary of defense, Mr. Wilson, says the "cost critics" give him a pain. The "cost" of most everything gives most of us a pain. A community food market advertises that you can have three ears of sweet corn by handing over two bits. That's just what I got as a kid prairieland farmer in the long ago for a bushel by the wagon load of corn at Dan Toohill's pioneer flour and feed corncrib a block east of where the Golden hotel now stands. Now it is interesting to learn that Mr. Wilson's "pains" stem not from the cost of things but from the countryside bellyache over the cost of life's necessities.

Shall maidens fair and youthful gallants "go steady"? Some highbrow now far past the romantic sign post along the highway of time turns over in his sleep, gets up to write up his nightmare. Go steady—why not? That's about the way it has been since Adam looked into the loving eyes of the world's first sweetheart. And Joe and Ann and Jack and May will doubtless prolong the "steady" habit heedless of what any old stiff has to say about it.

she was in Joe's corner. Mrs. Abel went to the senate. The "get McCarthy" crowd needed her vote when the condemnation matter came up. They needed it badly because her name began with "A"—a critical vote on the roll call. They got her vote which started Mr. McCarthy on the decline physically and spiritually. Zwicker: A war hero who permitted his person to be tainted by clamming up before a senate investigation committee. Mrs. Abel: No doubt a wonderful mother but way off base the moment she stepped into the political waters much too deep for her to fathom. She belatedly wishes the condemnation could be stricken from the records. Joe McCarthy: A tombstone for the Appleton farm boy, an Irishman with guts who dared to probe where others feared to tread. Historians write objectively. When all the extraneous pros and cons on Mr. McCarthy are torn away, there will stand a martyr... a man who single-handedly took on the Kremlin and opened a vital front in America's cold war... a Twentieth century Paul Revere.

### May 10 Last Day of Bondage

On May 10 the average American served a theoretical "last day of bondage", so far as 1957 taxes are concerned. What he has earned up to that time just about covered his bill for the year.

What this means is that taxes in the United States currently take about 36 percent of all our earned income. Putting it another way, all that we earned during the first 130 calendar days is needed to support our own governments of one kind and another.

Will the "last day of bondage" come earlier in the year—or will it come later?

So much for 1957. What of the years ahead? That depends on whether the people really want cheaper government, with the reduction in government activity that will involve, or just want to talk about it. Every billion dollars cut from the over-all cost of government would permit it to come one day sooner—and, conversely, every billion dollars added to that cost would delay it one day longer.

That brings up a slogan which is 100 percent relevant. Here it is: "I'll take less from government—if government will take less from me."

## THE FRONTIER

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Miss Haven... sugar controls weight.

### Demonstration Set Friday at Atkinson

ATKINSON—A demonstration in cookie baking and a talk on the importance of sugar for good nutrition will be given by Nancy Haven, home economist for Western Beet Sugar Producers, on Friday, May 17, in the home economics room of the Atkinson high school for leaders of home extension clubs from this area.

Miss Haven's visit here is being sponsored by Mrs. Catherine Indra, home extension agent for Holt county.

"Proper nutrition and diet is the American housewife's most important responsibility," Miss Haven said, "and sugar has a paramount role in controlling weight."

Miss Haven's demonstration will include a discussion of the use of equipment in cookie baking, decorating cookies and the display of cookies for parties and club affairs.

Following the demonstration club leaders will have a workshop session where they will try their hand at baking a batch of cookies.

### Redistricting Is Talked at Chambers

CHAMBERS—A redistricting meeting was held at the Chambers school Friday evening, May 10.

Time was spent in an informal discussion of the redistricting problem, but no action was taken.

### Strope Is Tank Crewman

ORCHARD—Army S2c William W. Strope, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Strope of Orchard, recently arrived in Germany for duty with the second armored division.

Specialist Strope, who just completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., is now a tank crewman in the division's 29th Tank Battalion.

He was a farmer before entering the army in January, 1957.

### Cole to Direct Sandhills Sale

G. O. ("Bud") Cole of Emmet has been unanimously elected manager of the special Sandhills Cattle association sale to be held October 2 at the O'Neill Livestock Market.

Once again a steak fry will be held on the eve of the sale at the Country club here.

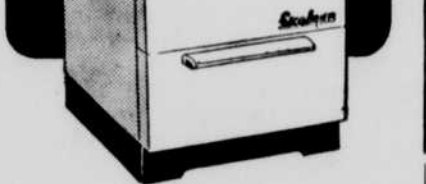
Annual meeting of the Sandhills association will be held Friday and Saturday, May 17-18, at Gordon.

### Entertain Guests—

Sunday, May 5, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Brock Reynoldson were Mr. and Mrs. George Burrows, of Platte Center, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Green and family, Mrs. Clarence Reynoldson and Frances of Albion.

### Visits Tilden—

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Paulson and family spent the May 4-5 weekend in Tilden visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. H. Magwire and Mr. and Mrs. Chris Paulson.



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### O'Neill News

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Mr. and Mrs. John Grutsch and sons visited Mr. and Mrs. John Grier in Laurel on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Green and Mrs. Clarence Reynoldson of Albion were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Verne Reynoldson. Mrs. Clarence Reynoldson will stay to attend graduation of grandson, Jimmy.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and her sister, Mrs. Esther Morgan, went to Polk Saturday to visit their brothers, Dr. and Mrs. Enid Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Peterson. They returned Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hunt and family went to Omaha Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. E. W. Devereaux, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cavanaugh and his brother, Don, visited the men's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Cavanaugh of Chambers.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bright and family spent Sunday afternoon in Stuart with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Hovey.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Godel of Grand Island arrived Saturday to spend mother's day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Godel. Another son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Don Godel and Randy of Ord were here Sunday.

Allen Martin attended a dog show in Norfolk recently. He left last Thursday for Omaha.

Elgin Ray, Richard Struhl and Stanley Longnecker attended a lumber sales meeting in Ainsworth Tuesday, April 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Weyrich visited his brother, Gus Magdanz who is ill, in Craig on Sunday, May 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Fox and boys of Ida Grove Ia., spent the weekend with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sobotka.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael B. Curry and Jerry of Kansas City, Mo., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Becker.

Mrs. William Hubby of Neligh was a guest of Mrs. Carrie Borg and Miss Marvel from Tuesday, May 7 to last Thursday, May 9.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bellin were in Springfield Sunday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Carr.

David Schaffer, who is a student at Creighton university in Omaha, visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Schaffer over the weekend. He brought along another student, George Moseley, as a weekend guest.

Marvin Anderson and sons, Larry and Gary and Jim Donohoe made a business trip to Dixon Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Brittell went to Valentine for mother's day to visit their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dickie Fernau and Joyce.

### Make Plans for Daily Bible School

EWING—A meeting was held Thursday evening at the annex of the United Presbyterian church to discuss and make plans of the daily vacation Bible school to be held June 10-14. There will be all day sessions, except for the kindergarten and the nursery classes, which will be dismissed at noon.

Three churches will participate—Church of Christ, United Presbyterian and Methodist.

A larger attendance is expected than last year.

Mrs. William Spence will be the superintendent and Mrs. J. L. Pruden will be the secretary. Materials were given to the teachers and helpers to begin preparation of lessons.

The pastors, Dr. William H. Ross and Rev. Lee Brigden, were in charge of planning the meeting.

**O'NEILL LOCALS**  
Mr. and Mrs. William J. Froelich left Sunday for Chicago, Ill. They will return today (Thursday).

Mr. and Mrs. Arnott Buxton and family went to Page Sunday to visit at the Bill Buxton place.

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